

## LOTS OF TALK

At Last Night's Meeting of Wheeling City Council.

### LOCATION OF NEW CREMATORY

Plant Outside the City Limits was a "Burning" Topic During the Session, and the Ordinance was Finally Referred Back for Changes—Council Again Turns Down Committee's Recommendation for Revoking the "Clementine" License—Routine Business Transacted.

A regular meeting of city council was held last night, with a large attendance of members on both sides. The principal subjects discussed were the new crematory or reduction plant and the revoking of the "Clementine" license. After considerable discussion, the Howland crematory ordinance was referred back for certain changes, the principal of which is the location of the plant outside the city limits. Regarding the "Clementine" license matter, the showing of the weak points of the city's case legally by Solicitor Nesbitt contributed to the favor with which the Nesbitt motion to lay the committee report on the table was received.

### THE ROLL CALLED.

In the second branch the calling of the roll by Clerk Watkins developed the following:

Present—Ahl, Arndt, Beckett, Bucey, Connelly, Fair, Gardley, Kaiser, Kindelberger, Knoke, McFadden, McLean, Meier, Nesbitt, Paul, Travis, Chew, Hahne, Megall, Berry; total, 20.

Absent—Bradbury, Bronstorf, Higgins, Watson, Weisberger; total, 8.

In the first branch, the roll call resulted as follows:

Present—Hahne, Ebeling, Hazlett, Horkheimer, List, McKelvey, McLure, Schmidt, Bachman, Stroebel, Weidbusch, Williams, Zwicker; total, 13.

Absent—Davison, Haller, Otto; total, 3.

Minutes in each branch were read and adopted without change.

### CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

The report of the city clerk, showing the condition of the city's finances on December 28, was read by Clerk Watkins and received and filed. It is as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of public works—			
10c levy.....	\$30,000 00	19,227 07	\$10,772 93
Contingent fund.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	00 00
Appropriations.....	453 00	389 24	163 76
Fire department.....	36,163 17	32,061 65	4,101 52
Health department.....	10,000 00	8,855 22	1,144 78
Markets.....	3,045 23	2,892 55	152 68
Police.....	27,120 00	24,890 74	2,229 26
City prison.....	4,720 00	4,492 32	227 67
Scales and weighing.....	800 00	725 26	74 74
Real estate.....	3,375 00	3,146 83	228 17
Cemeteries.....	1,500 00	1,305 42	194 58
Salaries.....	18,276 00	15,912 33	2,363 67
Contingent.....	15,270 00	15,212 51	57 49
Compromise.....	2,502 74	2,502 74	00 00
Loan of 1897.....	12,500 00	12,500 00	00 00
Loan of 1891.....	12,500 00	12,500 00	00 00
City water board.....	101,623 29	71,590 97	30,032 32
City gas works.....	58,000 00	51,215 91	6,784 09
Loan of 1881.....	10,229 00	10,229 00	00 00
Collection of taxes.....	5,000 00	2,996 94	2,003 06
Main street bridge loan.....	1,372 50	1,372 50	00 00
Main street bridge loan.....	4,170 00	4,170 00	00 00
Electric light loan.....	10,400 00	10,400 00	00 00
Totals.....	\$422,826 20	\$378,121 55	\$44,704 65

City Collector Hall had paid over to the city receiver the following amounts:

Fifty cent levy.....\$121,258 74

Ten cent levy.....23,401 64

Total.....\$144,660 38

### CREMATORY ORDINANCE.

The crematory ordinance came up, after having been objected to at the last meeting of council by Mr. Travis.

Mr. Ahl wanted the ordinance sent back to the ordinance committee, with instructions to select another site, not on the Peninsula.

Other councilmen objected to the site proposed. The Ahl motion to refer was lost on a decisive vote. The ordinance was then read by sections for amendment and debate. When section one was read, Mr. Knoke offered an amendment, providing for changing the site of the plant to a point beyond the ridge on the Peninsula, outside the city limits.

Mr. Ahl addressed council, and again asked that the ordinance be referred to the ordinance committee. Even if the plant is located outside the city limits, suburban residents will object. The promoters of the enterprise says he will need the garbage of 100,000 people. He did not want the Peninsula made the dumping ground for 60,000 outside people. He would prefer having the plant located between Wheeling and Moundsville.

Dr. Jepson, health officer of the city, addressed council. A year ago a similar proposition had been made. At the time he had inquired as to the sanitary conditions at these plants. He had received replies from Brooklyn and Pittsburgh and at both places there had been no complaints. The proposition now before council provides for another method, but its projector claims there are no odors. The ordinance provides for the closing down of the plant if there are violations of its provisions. As far as the location is concerned, it is possible the promoters will not accept the ordinance if the site is changed. He would ask council to consider carefully the present inadequate facilities at the city crematory, where not over two-thirds of the offal is burned. The facilities for burning are entirely too small. Contents of vaults have been taken to the country, and as a consequence suburban residents are kicking. If the present proposal fails, council should at once proceed to enlarge the facilities at the crematory. The committee on health doesn't think the proposed plant will be a nuisance, and if it should prove one, the ordinance provides a remedy. A large saving will accrue to the city by accepting the Howland proposition.

Mr. Berry said there would probably be no objection to the plant being located on the Baltimore & Ohio east of the city, between the city and Elm Grove. It will be necessary to have railroad facilities, and east of the city are the most advantageous sites.

Mr. Ahl said he did not want the plant located on the National pike.

There is another point of far more

importance, said Mr. Berry. The farther away from town the plant is located, the greater will be the cost of delivering the garbage at the place. If the plant is located below McMechen or far from town, he would favor an amendment, requiring Howland to place cars at the disposal of the collector of garbage in the city for its transportation.

President Chew suggested that, in the event of the plant being located outside the city, the health officer would have no jurisdiction.

The penalty, said Solicitor Nesbitt, could not be enforced with the plant located outside the city.

So many complications arising, Mr. Berry moved to refer back to the committee on health.

President Chew said council ought to go slow in this matter. He wanted Howland bound by a contract if the plant is located out of the city. He moved to refer to the city collector.

Mr. Berry's motion was put. Mr. Chew withdrawing his motion. Before the vote was taken, Solicitor Nesbitt inquired if he was to draw up an ordinance locating the plant out of the city.

Mr. Hahne suggested locating the plant in the city, at the end of the Baltimore & Ohio tunnel, where he did not believe objections would arise. Too many complications arise when it is proposed to locate the plant outside the city.

Mr. Berry did not believe Howland could secure the site named by Mr. Hahne.

The Berry motion to refer back to the committee on health was passed. An amendment to refer jointly to the committee on ordinance, health board and the solicitor, was carried. The committee met this evening.

### "THE CLEMENTINE."

The report of the committee on petitions and remonstrances was read. It states that the committee recommends the revoking of the liquor license of McFadden & Smith, as previously recommended.

Mr. Kaiser moved to lay the report on the table.

Mr. Paul moved to accept the report of the committee, and it was seconded.

Mr. Kaiser's motion was not seconded.

Mr. Hahne said interested persons desired to address council on this matter. Mr. Berry had confidence in the committee, which had already acted.

Mr. Kaiser said the committee had not heard counsel at its meeting last week; he wanted to hear the city collector's opinion on the right of council to annul the license.

Mr. Paul said the solicitor had already been heard and both sides had received a fair and impartial hearing.

President Chew was not in favor of the report because the citizen (Mr. Fehner) had not moved in the way of having the saloonist arrested for violations of the law. Already the city has lost \$2,500 in the present year by law suits. He favored letting the license run out, and in case it is known the place is not run properly the license can be refused next spring.

Solicitor Nesbitt said the city charter says nothing about revoking licenses. Dillon, a leading criminal authority, says council cannot annul. Other leading authorities hold the body granting the license can annul. Recently his attention had been called to a section in the statutes of the state, which gives power to annul licenses "for good cause shown." This good cause, he said, must be shown to council, but Wheeling's council has no authority to hear such cases. However, affidavits by the interested parties could be given, followed by arguments by counsel. In this manner the license could be revoked without a conviction, but a conviction would strengthen the city's case legally.

Mr. Nesbitt moved to lay the committee's report on the table. The motion prevailed.

### BILLS ORDERED PAID.

The following committee bills were ordered paid by council:

Fire committee.....\$365 44

Cemeteries committee.....44 40

Markets committee.....25 05

Board of public works.....158 69

### ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The fire committee reported bills, which were ordered paid.

The committee on railroads and on streets, alleys and grades reported. The petition of J. L. Hawley for stone steps on Tenth street was recommended favorably and an ordinance to be framed by the ordinance committee. The recommendation, however, was turned down by council. The imperfect street paving by the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway Company not having been accepted by the company, it was given time to fix the paving.

The committee on cemeteries reported bills; ordered paid.

The ordinance committee reported an ordinance repealing an ordinance providing for safety gates and watchman at Sixteenth and Main streets. Mr. Fair said the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company officials wanted time to put up the depot improvements next spring, so the committee had recommended as above. The ordinance was amended so as to enforce the keeping of a watchman at the point; then it was passed without objection.

A petition was received from Eighth ward residents for the grading of several streets and alleys, which are now claimed to be in bad condition. The matter was referred to the board of public works.

Mr. Nesbitt's resolution for taking advertising matter off city scale houses was passed.

Mr. Nesbitt's resolution for market in the Fifth ward on Friday afternoon and evening, was passed.

### THE FIRST BRANCH.

The first branch was idle until 9:30 o'clock, half an hour before council adjourned. The matters considered early in the session of the first branch, the "Clementine" affair and the new crematory ordinance did not reach the upper branch at all last night. After transacting routine business, confirming all that had been done by the second, a resolution was introduced granting James L. Hawley the privilege to construct steps on Tenth street from the Hawley building; it was referred to the ordinance committee. The second branch had turned down the Hawley petition.

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## MANY INSTITUTES

By Farmers of Counties in This Neighborhood

### ARE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

And That of the Belmont County Agriculturalists Occurs This Week—Those in West Virginia are Under the Auspices of the State Board of Agriculture—Interesting Programmes Have Been Prepared for Each—Some Novel and Attractive Features Introduced.

The chain of farmers' institutes that occur over this state during the winter months under the auspices of the West Virginia state board of agriculture, are helps of practical value highly appreciated by the farmers. The institutes in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties take place early next month, and the programmes have just been issued by President S. W. Atkinson, of the state board. The board is composed of S. W. Atkinson, president; C. C. Brown, institute director; D. M. Sullivan, secretary; Alex. Clohan, J. M. Sydenstricker, John Q. Rathburn.

### OHIO COUNTY.

The first of the chain of institutes is Ohio county's, which will be held at West Liberty on January 7 and 8. The meetings are open to all citizens, who are cordially invited to attend. The present officers of the institute are:

President—J. B. Garvin.

Vice president—Abram McCulloch.

Secretary—T. J. Orr.

Treasurer—George Hand.

Executive committee—John J. Jacobs, M. L. Connelly, John Baird, J. N. Thornburg and W. W. Foreman, and the officers.

The following attractive programme has been prepared:

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 7.

10:00 Music. Prayer. Music.

10:30 President's Address.

10:30 Raising Hogs for Market. At What Age to Market to Realize the Greatest Profit—Abram McCulloch.

11:15 General Discussion. Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:15 Need Our Lands Become Exhausted—John Baird. Discussed by Geo. Rice and A. B. Jacob.

2:00 Planting and After Care of Fruit Trees and Plants—W. B. Gibson.

2:30 Discussed by Prof. J. C. Corbett.

3:10 Caneberries. The Cultivation of Three Best Varieties—Salathiel Curtis.

General Discussion. Recess.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00 Music. Prayer. Music.

7:30 Recitation.

7:45 Agriculture as Related to National Prosperity—Prof. S. S. Jacob.

8:10 Why Should a Farmer Boy be Educated?—John Griffin.

8:40 Recitation.

8:50 Talk on the Importance of Institute Work—Hon. J. H. Stewart, Director, Experiment Station.

Query Box. Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 8.

10:00 Music. Prayer. Music.

10:30 Is Mutual Insurance Among Farmers Practicable?—S. W. Atkinson.

10:45 Discussion.

11:10 The Mechanical Farmer and the Repair Shop—S. L. McCulloch.

Query Box. Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:15 The Woman's Connection with the Business Side of Farm Life—Mrs. Margaret E. Whitman.

1:55 Is Compulsory Education, as Enforced by Our Present School Law, Practicable?—Mrs. Annie Emery.

2:30 Discussion.

2:55 The Foundation of Flowers as a Problem for Farmers and Fruit Growers—W. M. Dunlap.

3:00 General Discussion.

3:30 Talks by Members of Station Staff.

4:00 An Open Letter to the Ohio County Farmers' Institute.

4:10 Discussion. Recess.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00 Music. Prayer. Music.

7:30 Seed Time and Harvest—Prof. J. H. Deahl.

7:45 Query Box. Adjournment.

HANCOCK COUNTY.

The Hancock county institute will occur at Fairview on January 10 and 11. The officers of this institute are:

President—L. O. Conant, of Fairview.

Vice president—Frank Matthew, of Fairview.

Secretary—C. F. Allison, East Liverpool.

A county farmers' association will be organized at this meeting, at which the following programme will be followed:

MONDAY, JAN. 10—10 A. M.

Call for Order. Music.

Prayer.....Rev. H. Lee

Address of Welcome.....Wm. M. Lee

Response.....L. O. Conant

Announcement of Appointment of Committees.

Music. Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK.

Music.

Address.....Member Station Staff

General Discussion.

Pure Bred Stock: Its Uses and Abuses.....J. A. Purdy

General Discussion.

Is Spraying a Benefit to Fruit Trees?.....Question Box. Music. Recess.

EVENING SESSION—7 O'CLOCK.

Music.

Marketing Fruit.....Prof. L. C. Corbett

General Discussion.

Solo.....Miss Blanche Bray

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General Discussion.

Recitation.....Miss Rachel Draxton

Poultry Industry.....Howard A. Hill

Music.....By the Quartette

Question Box. Music. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11—9:30 A. M.

Prayer.....Rev. Fisher

Gardening and Fruit Growing.....Prof. H. Owens

General Discussion.

Sheep Industry.....J. E. Newell

General Discussion.

Rational Plant Feeding.....Prof. Horace Atwood

General Discussion.

Question Box. Music. Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK.

Music.

Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

Are the Farmers of Hancock County in Pace With the Times?—F. A. Chapman

General Discussion.

Should the Forests of the County be Preserved?—J. M. Martin

General Discussion.

Should We Buy